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WILLIAM M. WHITE NAMED CHIEF OF FWS RIVER BASIN STUDIES

The new chief of the Branch of River Basin Studies, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, is William M. White, Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Ross Leffler announced today.

Mr. White, formerly assistant chief of the Branch, succeeds James T. McBroom who recently became head of the Bureau's Division of Technical Services.

Mr. White entered Federal service in March 1939 with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. He joined the Fish and Wildlife Service on September 20, 1948, by transfer from the Civil Aeronautics Board where he had served for six years as an air transportation economist. The Service engaged Mr. White as an economist with its new Office of River Basin Studies which was conducting studies on the values of the renewable resources in the various river basins of the United States in order that fish and wildlife values might be preserved wherever possible in new industrial and agricultural developments.

Mr. White later became chief of the section of economics and programs and was responsible for programming the river basins work of the Service's six regional offices and the Missouri River Basin Office. It was under his direction that the national survey of fishing and hunting was produced and published in 1956.

Mr. White also has served as Fish and Wildlife Service representative on various interdepartmental and intradepartmental technical committees.

Born November 29, 1917, White is a native of Washington, D. C. He holds B. S. and A. B. degrees from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. During World War II he had 2½ years of military service, part of the time at Hickam Field in Hawaii and elsewhere in the Pacific theater.

Mr. White is married, has one daughter, and lives at 401 Quaint Acres Drive, Silver Spring, Md.

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